

are used as the basis for asserting that the combination of elements of Claim 1 is fully disclosed therein. Applicants respectfully disagree for the following reasons.

The first three of the four steps recited in Applicants' Claim 1 recite the terms "predetermined browser inputs" and "non-browser input" as separate items. Further, it is recited in the first step that a browser application may be launched by "predetermined browser inputs." Then, introduced in the second step, the capability of launching a browser with "non-browser inputs" provides for using a conventional computer and keyboard or other devices to receive input data in additional modes without modifying the computer or the keyboard. In the present invention, this may be accomplished by converting the "non-browser inputs" to simulate a "predetermined browser input" according to the third step so that the computer responds to the "non-browser input" just as it would to the "predetermined browser input." *Hudetz* does not anticipate Applicants' claimed invention because *Hudetz* does not launch a browser with predetermined or simulated browser inputs; nor does *Hudetz* teach converting a non-browser input to simulate a predetermined browser input. The converting step of Claim 1 as amended, is not found or otherwise taught anywhere in the cited reference. *Hudetz* only provides for the input of information from some type of scanning device to an already open browser window. Since the browser window is open, there is no need for the "launching" of the browser. Applicants therefore respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection and the allowance of Claim 1 as amended.

Regarding dependent Claims 2-5, also rejected as being anticipated by the *Hudetz et al.* reference, the arguments presented in the present Office Action are now moot because the base Claim 1 as amended is now believed allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons given hereinabove. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this rejection and the full allowance of all the Claims 1-5 as amended hereinabove.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for

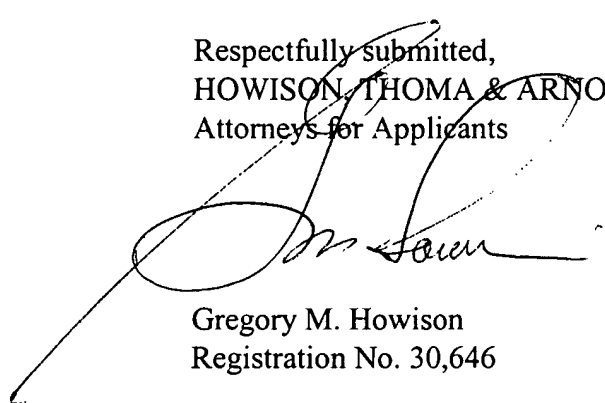
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allowance or in better form for appeal. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,735 of HOWISON, THOMA & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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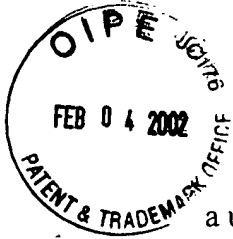


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Twice Amended) A method for launching a web browser application on a user's computer, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a browser application on the user's computer that is launchable in response to predetermined browser inputs being received by the user's computer;
 - providing a non-browser input that is not a portion of the set of predetermined browser inputs;
 - [correlating] converting the non-browser input to simulate one or more of the predetermined browser inputs as a simulated browser input; and
 - launching the web browser on the user's computer with this simulated browser input and, in response therefore, accessing information on a network.